

**SECTION 1. STATE SENATOR VERDA WELCOME AND DR. HENRY WELCOME POST OFFICE BUILDING.**

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3000 Homewood Avenue in Baltimore, Maryland, shall be known and designated as the “State Senator Verda Welcome and Dr. Henry Welcome Post Office Building”.

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the “State Senator Verda Welcome and Dr. Henry Welcome Post Office Building”.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE PARREN J. MITCHELL POST OFFICE**

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4109) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6101 Liberty Road in Baltimore, Maryland, as the “United States Representative Parren J. Mitchell Post Office,” and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

H.R. 4109

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE PARREN J. MITCHELL POST OFFICE.**

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6101 Liberty Road in Baltimore, Maryland, shall be known and designated as the “United States Representative Parren J. Mitchell Post Office”.

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the “United States Representative Parren J. Mitchell Post Office”.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**CORPORAL JASON L. DUNHAM POST OFFICE**

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4515) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4422 West Sciota Street in Scio, New York, as the “Corporal Jason L. Dunham Post Office,” and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

H.R. 4515

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. CORPORAL JASON L. DUNHAM POST OFFICE.**

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4422 West Sciota Street in Scio, New York, shall be known and designated as the “Corporal Jason L. Dunham Post Office”.

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Corporal Jason L. Dunham Post Office”.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION WEEK**

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 483) supporting the goals and ideals of National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. Res. 483

Whereas 1 in 3 female high school students reports being physically abused or sexually abused by a dating partner;

Whereas over 40 percent of male and female high school students surveyed had been victims of dating violence at least once;

Whereas violent relationships in adolescence can have serious ramifications for victims, who are at higher risk for substance abuse, eating disorders, risky sexual behavior, suicide, and adult re-victimization;

Whereas the severity of violence among intimate partners has been shown to increase if the pattern was established in adolescence;

Whereas 81 percent of parents surveyed either believed dating violence is not a problem or admitted they did not know it is a problem;

Whereas the week of February 6, 2006, has been recognized as an appropriate week for activities furthering awareness of teen dating violence; and

Whereas recognizing a “National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week” would benefit schools, communities, and families regardless of socioeconomic status, race, or gender: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives should raise awareness of teen dating violence in the Nation by supporting the goals and ideals of National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. ISSA

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I offer an amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Strike all after the resolved clause and insert the following:

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives supports an increased awareness among parents, schools, and communities that dating violence is a criminal act and the ideals of the National Teen Dating Violence and Prevention Week.

Ms. MILLENDER McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I offer heartfelt thanks to you for bringing this important resolution to the floor. Thanks to the Ranking Member as well. I join with my friend and co-sponsor, the gentlewoman from Connecticut, NANCY JOHNSON in bringing this very important legislation to the floor.

I am delighted to be able to say that my colleagues in this great Congress understand that protecting our children from violence is of utmost importance and that we as a body support the ideals of National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Protection Week through H. Res. 483.

Teen Dating Violence is the proverbial elephant in the room. Too many girls are the victims of abuse perpetrated by an intimate partner and yet too many parents are unaware that their daughters live with this tragic reality. The facts are horrifying:

Girls and young women between the ages of 16 and 24 experience the highest per capita rates of non-fatal intimate partner violence of all women.

Many of our teens report experiencing some kind of abuse in their romantic relationships, including verbal and emotional abuse.

Over half of a national survey of parents either believe teen dating violence is not an issue or admit they don't know to what extent it is an issue.

It is time to end this gap between what we believe about teen dating violence and what is actually happening to our sisters, daughters, and granddaughters in their relationships.

The only way we will be able to combat this epidemic is if we are educated about it. Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week is a crucial step towards acquiring this knowledge.

I am a mother of daughters and a grandmother of granddaughters. I hate to think of them engaged in a relationship where they may be at risk, emotionally, physically or mentally. But just because I do not want to think about this, does not mean I should not think about it.

Through communication and further education we will take away the stigma of coming forward to report abuse by a partner. We learn to recognize the signs that our girls are in trouble. We will help victims leave their relationships and get the help they need to embark on relationships that are worthy of their greatness.

I am passionate about this program because of its message of understanding and prevention, but also because teenager took it upon themselves to start this campaign towards consciousness on this issue.

I have deep admiration for the young women and men who attended the national awareness and education summit last year and were motivated enough to develop toolkits for schools and propose National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week. I will be proud to stand with them during that week in February. These young people will be the future leaders of our country, and we should all applaud them!

I want to thank Congresswoman NANCY JOHNSON for all of her help in ensuring that this bill received the attention it deserved and all of the co-sponsors who recognized the importance of this issue. I also want to thank Senator MIKE CRAPO for his leadership in the Senate. What a testament to the power of bipartisanship this has been, and how both chambers recognize the severity of this issue.

The amendment was agreed to.

The resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the amendment to the preamble.

The Clerk read as follows:

Strike the preamble and insert the following:

Whereas the American Bar Association's National Teen Dating Violence Prevention (TDVPI) is a federally funded, comprehensive program that is aimed at putting a stop to the incidence of teen dating violence;

Whereas the TDVPI together with parents, schools and communities intends to positively impact the way teens view and value themselves and others;

Whereas the TDVPI is designed to teach and influence appropriate interpersonal behavior by increasing the knowledge and skills of our nation's youth enabling them to form lasting and healthy relationships as adults; and

Whereas the week of February 6, 2006 has been recognized as an appropriate week for activities furthering awareness of teen dating violence; Now, therefore, be it

Mr. ISSA (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment to the preamble be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The amendment to the preamble was agreed to.

The title of the resolution was amended so as to read: "Supporting the Ideals of National Teen Dating Violence and Prevention Week".

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### COMMEMORATING THE LIFE, ACHIEVEMENTS, AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF ALAN REICH

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 586) commemorating the life, achievements, and contributions of Alan Reich, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

#### H. RES. 586

Whereas Alan A. Reich was a well respected and loved member of his family and an inspirational figure in the disability com-

munity, whose life was devoted to civic involvement and efforts to improve the quality of life for individuals with disabilities;

Whereas Alan Reich was born in Pearl River, New York;

Whereas Alan Reich graduated from Dartmouth College in 1952, where he was an all-American track and field athlete, received a Master's degree in Russian literature from Middlebury College in 1953, along with a diploma in Slavic languages and Eastern European studies from the University of Oxford, and received an M.B.A. from Harvard University in 1959;

Whereas Alan Reich was a brilliant linguist, who spoke 5 languages;

Whereas Alan Reich served in the United States Army from 1953 to 1957, as an infantry officer and Russian language interrogation officer in Germany, and was named a member of the United States Army Infantry Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame;

Whereas Alan Reich married his best friend and partner in life, Gay Forsythe Reich; they shared 50 years of marriage and were deeply committed to each other and their three children—James, Jeffrey, and Elizabeth;

Whereas Alan Reich was employed from 1960 to 1970 as an executive at Polaroid Corporation when, at age 32, he became a quadriplegic due to a swimming accident which required him to use a wheelchair;

Whereas, while Alan Reich was told he would not drive or write again, he relearned both skills and returned to work at Polaroid Corporation;

Whereas Alan Reich joined the State Department from 1970 to 1975, as a Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs;

Whereas Alan Reich then served as Director of the Bureau of East-West Trade for the Department of Commerce, before he was named the President of the United States Council for the International Year of Disabled Persons in 1978;

Whereas, in this position, Alan Reich was the first wheelchair user to address the United Nations General Assembly when it opened the International Year of the Disabled in 1981;

Whereas, in 1982, Alan Reich transformed the Council into the National Organization on Disability, an organization that is active on a local, state, and national level in seeking full and equal participation for people with disabilities in all aspects of life;

Whereas Alan Reich founded the Bimillennium Foundation in 1984, to encourage leaders of nations worldwide to set year 2000 goals aimed at improving the lives of people with disabilities;

Whereas Alan Reich also served as Chairman of the People-to-People Committee on Disability, Chairman of the Paralysis Cure Research Foundation and President of the National Paraplegia Foundation;

Whereas Alan Reich, who used a wheelchair for 43 years, led an effort that raised \$1,650,000 to add the statue of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in a wheelchair to the former President's Memorial in Washington, DC, for reasons that he best expressed himself at the unveiling of the statue: "The unveiling is a major national moment, the removal of the shroud of shame that cloaks disability. The statue will become a shrine to people with disabilities, but it will also inspire everyone to overcome obstacles. When you see the memorial that follows the statue, what will be in your mind is that he did all this from a wheelchair.";

Whereas Alan Reich received the George H.W. Bush Medal in July of 2005, established to honor outstanding service under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990;

Whereas Alan Reich, through his leadership in the disability community, encour-

aged millions of Americans with disabilities to overcome obstacles to lead more independent and successful lives;

Whereas Alan Reich is survived by his wife, partner, and best friend, Gay, their two sons James and Jeffrey, their daughter Elizabeth, and 11 grandchildren; and

Whereas Alan Reich passed away on November 8, 2005, and the contributions he made to his family, his community, and his Nation will not be forgotten: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) honors the life, achievements, and contributions of Alan A. Reich; and

(2) extends its deepest sympathies to the family of Alan Reich for the loss of a great and generous man.

The resolution was agreed to.

AMENDMENT TO THE PREAMBLE OFFERED BY  
MR. ISSA

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I offer an amendment to the preamble.

The Clerk read as follows:

Strike out the preamble and insert the following:

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